



## **SCHOOL EMPLOYER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 6, 2008  
09:30 to 12:00 noon  
CalPERS  
Sacramento**

### **MINUTES**

#### **CalPERS Staff:**

Donna Beaumont, ACES  
Danny Brown, GOVA  
Gwen Bridges, ERSD  
Olivia Castro, Payroll  
Teresa Cox, MBSB  
Karen DeFrank, ERSD  
Lynn Faulk-Damiano, Membership  
Angel Gutierrez, Comp Review  
Dana Hlawaty, ERSD  
Nicole Horning, EECS  
Carlous Johnson, Comp Review  
SalliAnne Maliguine, ERSD  
Marion Montez, ERSD  
Chris Owen, Payroll  
Marsha Poletti, ERSD  
Keith Riddle, PERT  
Devonne Schmolke, ERSD  
Sharen Scott, ERSD  
Henry Tran, HBB  
Lani Walthers, BNSD  
Scott Yates, EECS

#### **Advisory Committee Members:**

Sharon Battaglia  
Brenda Boothe  
Tammy Britt  
Vickie Chang  
Veena Chaudhri  
Ramona Coker  
Carol Cook  
Pamela Darby  
Kim Deadmore  
Jana DeMeyer  
Deepa Desai  
Paula Driscoll  
Rick Duran  
Pam Fowler  
Vickie Gilbert  
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Lisa Hotchkiss  
Tammie Knott  
Sherry Lack

Jo Ann Leonard  
Rudy Lopez  
Marlene Mendosa  
Carolyn Nielsen  
Sharie Ortega  
Beth Qualle  
Sue Saputo  
Debby Smith  
Lisa Latt  
Nancy Stoltenberg  
Bridget Vaughan  
Pam Woy  
Ursula Taylor

## **INTRODUCTION**

SalliAnne Maliguine, Assistant Chief of the Employer Services Division, welcomed everyone.

### **CalPERS Health Benefits Program** (PDF, 109 KB)

Henry Tran, Staff Services Analyst with Employer & Member Health Services, presented an overview of the 2009 Health Premium Package; key dates for the 2008 Open Enrollment period; and information about 2008 Open Enrollment Health Fair Registration.

### **CalPERS 2009 Health Premiums – Regional** (PDF, 15 KB)

#### **Open Enrollment Health Fairs Web site:**

[www.healthfairregistration.com](http://www.healthfairregistration.com)

### **CalPERS EDUCATION CENTER** (PDF, 381 KB)

Gwen Bridges, Retirement Program Specialist, provided an overview of the CalPERS Education Center (CEC). The CEC is a new, robust Internet-based technology system that houses all CalPERS education materials. The courses and materials are available anytime from the convenience of your personal work space. In addition, CalPERS still offers Instructor Led Classes; registration is available through the CEC for all but one of the Instructor Led offerings. The lone course, Disability Retirement Workshop, can be scheduled by calling **888 CalPERS** (or 888-225-7377).

#### **Access the CalPERS Education Center**

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/employer/ces/home.xml>

#### **Watch a Video about the CalPERS Education Center (Total Time 0:47)**

<http://http.dvlabs.com/mvision/2007/05/23/CAL050/nMF26flvZK9DnY3ANY0iJTO3vhuCr81y.wmv>

#### **View a demonstration about How to Enroll in a CEC Class**

[http://www.calpers.ca.gov/cescontent/employer/enrollment/how\\_to\\_enroll\\_your\\_employees/how\\_to\\_enroll\\_your\\_employees\\_ol.swf](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/cescontent/employer/enrollment/how_to_enroll_your_employees/how_to_enroll_your_employees_ol.swf)

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Devonne Schmolke, Retirement Program Specialist, presented an update on educational offerings for the Automated Communications Exchange System (ACES). ACES training is in the process of being converted to Web based training modules and is expected to be available through the CEC in time for the Educational Forum in October. She also provided information and resources for ACES account administrators.

**Learn more about ACES**

<http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/employer/aces/new-to-aces/home.xml>

**Information for Account Administrators**

<http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/employer/aces/elearning/home.xml>

**LEGISLATION UPDATE**

[Sponsored Bills](#) (PDF, 13 KB)

[Other Bills](#) (PDF, 71 KB)

Danny Brown, Assistant Chief, Governmental Affairs, provided an update on legislation. He announced that the CalPERS sponsored AB 2202 has been signed by the Governor, and he thanked committee members for their letters and calls of support made to lawmakers and the Governor's office. AB 2202 allows CalPERS to collect non-member data in an effort to better track when part-time employees and retired annuitants meet hourly eligibility requirements for CalPERS enrollment. Details about implementation will be forthcoming at future SEAC meetings.

[AB 2202](#) (PDF, 46 KB)

**PENSION SYSTEM RESUMPTION PROJECT UPDATE – myCalPERS** (PDF, 185 KB)

Keith Riddle, Account Manager, Constituent Relations Office, addressed the PSR topics left on the table from the previous meeting:

- 1) The new system will allow more well-defined user privileges. An account administrator at the county level can allow district representatives the appropriate level of access.
- 2) The new system will offer a data match capability similar to the ACES Participant Inquiry.

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- 3) You can currently enter information for multiple districts on one file. The new system will allow a similar opportunity.
- 4) County offices can identify their districts that contract with CalPERS for health benefits by contacting the Health Benefits Branch.

Keith then introduced the CalPERS Public Employers Readiness Team (PERT). Next, he reported that the Employer Information Packets are expected to distribute in mid-August to each agency's single point of contact. He stated that once the PSR Project is implemented and becomes an active system it will be known as my|CalPERS. He concluded with a demonstration of the PERT Web site that will be accessible to employers with the release of the Employer Information Packets.

**[Circular Letter 200-038-08 - my|CalPERS Expanding to Offer Services for Employers](#)** (PDF, 17 KB)

**Questions about the PSR project:**  
[Pert4u@calpers.ca.gov](mailto:Pert4u@calpers.ca.gov)

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Karen DeFrank, Assistant Chief of the Employer Services Division, led the open discussion.

- Attendees asked how CalPERS monitors Compensation Limits with regards to Section 401 (a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code. Olivia Castro, Manager from Employer Reporting, provided this response:

At this time, the employer is responsible for monitoring and reporting to CalPERS each time an employee reaches the annual compensation limit. The new system will have the capability for employers and CalPERS to better monitor annual contributions with regard to Section 401 (a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**[Circular Letter 200-005-08 - 2008 Compensation Limits \(IRC Section 401 \(a\)\(17\)\)](#)** (PDF, 40 KB)

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- Attendees generated the following questions for the next meeting about the Pension System Resumption Project:
  - 1) Will the system have capabilities to validate data on a 'fast track' similar to CalSTRS?
  - 2) What are the consequences for an employer if they are not ready at the system's launch?
- Attendees expressed the desire to have a future Employer Forum in Northern California.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- my|CalPERS Update (including 'fast track' and consequences of not being ready at launch)
- Update regarding non-member reporting (AB 2202)
- Right of Election
- Legislative Update
- 2009 Employer Forum Information